

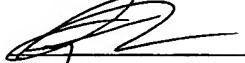
REMARKS

Claims 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 17, 22 and 23 are presently pending in the application. Claims 10, 12, 14 and 23 stand allowed. Claims 5, 7, 9, 17 and 22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims have been accordingly amended and are therefore believed to be allowable. Claim 23 has been amended to correct the erroneous recitation of "frequency dependent-dependent." No new matter has been added and support for the amendments to the claims may be found in the specification and drawings. In view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to AT&T Corp. Account No. 01-2745. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (201) 224-7957 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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